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INFORMATION USING VERTICAL BLANKING  
INTERVAL

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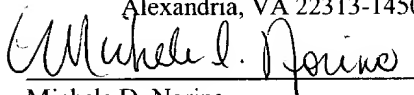
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2004 for which the three-month shortened statutory period expired on November 12, 2004. Consideration of the Amendment and Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

Serial No. 09/475,220

Response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2004

### **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of August 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.